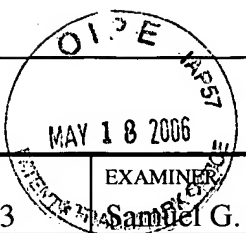
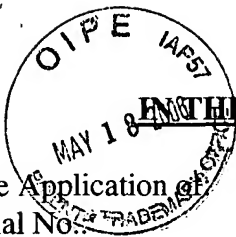


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.